

Sexual abuse and trafficking has unfortunately become a common topic of discussion. In every corner of the world, someone suffers from sexual assault in some degree. We know of many assault victims, but truly, do we know what happens to the abuser? What steps towards prevention, protection and prosecution to nations around the globe take? The answer is, they don't. A lot of countries put this topic on the backburner of their worries, which needs to change.

In countries like The Democratic Republic of Congo (informally referred to as the rape capital of the world), sex trafficking is a daily occurrence. However, there are no laws to prevent any form of human trafficking, both child and sex. I am aware that gangs and militant groups really take charge of the human trafficking rings. But the problem lies in the fact that President Joseph Kabila refuses any form of aid. Both the United Nations and USAID have made several attempts to assist the DRC and each one was turned down by President Kabila. Even countries like Sweden and The Netherlands have personally and specifically offered aid for human trafficking. And to no surprise, Kabila also refused this. I think it is safe to say that very little is being done to prevent the human, and specifically sex trafficking that occurs in the DRC.

In the year of 2006, The DRC passed 'The 2006 Sexual Violence Statue' (Law 6/018). Since then, government authorities would penalize politically active women by raping and assaulting them. 24 year old, Faith was a women's rights activist who made multiple protests on the lack of efforts towards sexual violence, and President Kabila's complete negligence towards the issue.

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